



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 27, 2019

Mrs. Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate  
Texas Senate  
State Capitol Room 2E.22  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as governor and chief executive officer of the State of Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has reviewed the following legislation in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution and has disapproved and thereby vetoed the following:

Senate Bill 536 by Zaffirini relating to associate judges for guardianship proceedings and protective services proceedings in certain courts..

The Governor presents the attached message stating his objections to the members of the Legislature concerning this piece of legislation. The unsigned original enrolled Senate Bill 536 is attached and is returned to your custody by way of this transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "GSD", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MESSAGE

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**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE EIGHTY-SIXTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto Senate Bill No. 536 of the 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, due to the following objections:

Senate Bill 536 highlights that the answer to a perceived problem cannot always be to throw more state money and bureaucracy at it. The Legislature has not shown that it is necessary to create new associate judgeships to specialize in guardianship proceedings, and Senate Bill 536 was misguided in its attempt to create this expensive new system. The Legislature should find a better way to address this issue.

Since you remain gathered in regular session and continue to conduct formal business, I am delivering this disapproval message directly to you along with the unsigned official enrolled copy of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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GREG ABBOTT  
Governor of Texas

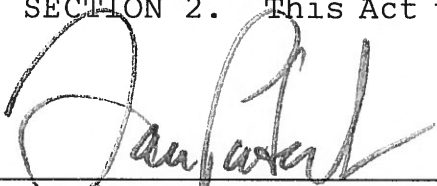
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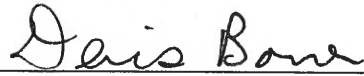
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1 this subchapter has the judicial immunity of a district judge. All  
2 existing immunity granted an associate judge by law, express or  
3 implied, continues in full force and effect.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019. \_\_\_\_\_

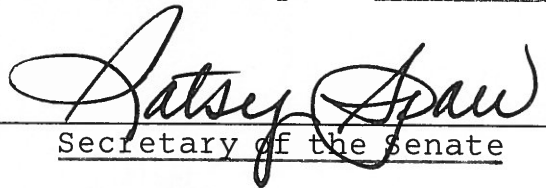


President of the Senate



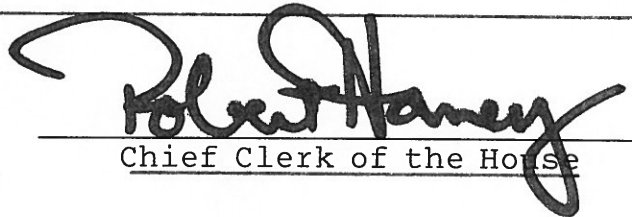
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 536 passed the Senate on  
April 23, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2. \_\_\_\_\_



Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 536 passed the House on  
May 16, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 1, two  
present not voting. \_\_\_\_\_



Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor

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